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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/078,853
Filing Date	May 14, 1998
First Named Inventor	Yasushi TAKAHASHI
Group Art Unit	2611
Examiner Name	BROWN, Rueben M.
Attorney Docket Number	450100-4486

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 1, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-0320.
- b. ☐ A in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the following:
- i. ☐ \$770.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ \$00.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): Three-month Extension of time fee (\$950.00) less two-month extension of time fee (\$420.00) paid on _____. This is a petition to request a _____ month extension of time.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) in the amount of \$1,190.00 Declined Per credit card charge # above
- ☒ \$770.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ☒ \$420.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): This is a petition to request a 2-month extension of time.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	William S. Frommer	Registration No.	25,506
Signature	<i>William S. Frommer</i>	Date	05/27/04

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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